

Chairman King and Committee Members,

I am writing to you regarding Charge4: Evaluate the Texas wine industry and the current labeling requirements associated with the use of "Texas" as an appellation.

It is my belief, as the co-owner of a vineyard in the Texas High Plains Area that it is beneficial to the grape growers and wineries in our state to make Texas Wine labeling really indicate that the grapes were grown in Texas.

As a farming family, that now has the fifth generation involved in our vineyard, we are proud to be part of the wine industry and are very interested in what that business can do for the state. As we look to the future, Texas can reap the benefits financially from a well known grape region and this labeling change can help to promote that success.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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